



# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Since the beginning of this year, I have had a real sense of God wanting to do a new thing in our parish. Then over the last couple of month's, ever since Easter, as a parish we have all been looking at the working of the Holy Spirit in the Church. When the Holy Spirit works it always results in mission and service, and this inevitably leads to Church growth. Out of prayer and seeking God's will the three churches in the parish are going to undertake new ventures in the autumn.

Here at St Peter's we will be starting a Healing Service. It is as it tells you on the box. It is a service distinct from a regular Sunday service that offers the ministry of healing prayer to those who are sick or suffering in body, mind or spirit. I believe in a God who heals. In fact His name is Jehovah Raphe , the God who heals.

Jesus commanded His disciples to go and heal the sick, and I believe this command is as true for us today as it was for the early disciples. As they prayed the sick were healed, the broken mended and made whole. The same Holy Spirit is at work in us today, so why will He not heal?

I need your help. Firstly, to pray for us, for the whole ministry team taking part, for those the Lord will touch through this ministry. Secondly, bring in those who are sick like the men in Jesus time. There are those who need a healing touch of the Lord among friends, family and neighbours. Bring them with you as you come. Research shows that people will come if brought along, but many will not come if expected to come on their own.

Jesus looked and the crowds and was filled with compassion. He saw them as sheep without a shepherd. He said to His disciples, "Pray therefore..." I ask you today, "Pray therefore..."

With you in His service,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

There will be a special whole church meeting next week the 15th July after the morning service with information about the future of St John's. This will include a question time. Please make a special effort to attend. Barry, Churchwarden.

**Foodbank collection at Tesco** -We are having a collection at Tesco on Friday 13th July and Sat 14th July and need helpers to give out shopping lists and receive gifts. Can you help for an hour or two? Help on the Saturday is especially welcome. This is important to replenish our warehouse ready for the winter. Please let Barry know ASAP if you can help.

Current short supply items include tinned fruit, fruit juice, pasta/beans meals (with meat ), sponge puddings. Thanks for your continued support. Elizabeth Mitchell

**Church Directory** The church directory will be reprinted as soon as all the contact details are collected. There will be a sheet at the back of church for you to enter your details or see me. The directory will only be issued to those whose name is included. If you have an old one, please destroy it, as it is out of date and we need to comply with the GDPR regulations. When you enter your details, please tick the box giving the church permission to include your name.

Barry.

**Please note** For those that do not know. As your elected Churchwarden, Parish Safeguarding Officer, Administrator and general dogs body, my role is to ensure that you are all well cared for by the church. This includes the environment, heating, lighting, vision, sound, blocked toilet etc. but especially your safety. That is children and adults, to be kept safe from anything that threatens you, be it another person, the environment or anything else. I can be contacted by any means that you choose so if you need help or have concerns contact me. My phone, messages and emails work even when I am on holiday. Garth and Richard have not yet mastered the art of being in three places at the same time so you can always contact me. If I can't deal with the situation, I know a man or woman that can.

I am VERY thankful for the many volunteers who help me in this role, some seen and some not seen by everybody, so a very big thank you to those.

Barry, Churchwarden etc.

### **Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcomes Refugees (BRWR)**

This local group link with Worcestershire based People in Motion, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, that provide support and aid to displaced people throughout Europe and beyond, to help people on their journey to a safer life. Once a month BRWR provide an opportunity for residents to drop off unwanted adult clothing, suitable shoes, items for dignity packs, sleeping bags and blankets for onward transportation to People in Motion and then Europe.

We are very fortunate we have local groups who make it easy for us to donate and help, the next collection is 4th August, please take items to the Bridge Church Headless Cross or bring into church for Sharon to drop. Visit the two websites of these groups to see the good work going on

<https://brwr.uk/>

<http://www.people-in-motion.co.uk/>

## Services

### **Today - Proper 9**

10:30am	Morning Worship with Revd. Garth Nathaniel <i>Corinthians 12:2-10</i> 'My Grace is Sufficient'	2
6:30pm	Evening Worship with Peter McLaren	

### **Next Sunday - Proper 10**

10:30am	Holy Communion with Revd. Richard Harding <i>Ephesians 1:3-14</i> 'Gathered In Christ'	
	<u>Followed by church meeting</u>	
6:30pm	Evening Worship with Revd. Richard Harding	

### Diary dates

**Thurs 9:30am** Holy Communion - St. John's, followed by coffee morning.

**Fri 7:00pm** Bellringing - St. Peter's Church, Ipsley

**Sat 14th July 10am** Messy Church - Woodrow Meeting Rooms

**Sun 22nd July 1pm onwards** Picnic - St. Nicholas Park, Warwick

**Mon 23rd July 1 - 3pm** Card making at Lynda's house

**Thurs 26th July 7:30pm** PCC Meeting - Christ Church, Matchborough

**Tues 7th August** Standing Committee meeting

### Lectionary Readings WB 03 - 09 July

Mon Gen 28.10-end; Ps 91.1-10; Mt 9.18-26

Tues Gen 32.22-end; Ps 17.1-8; Mt 9.32-end

Wed Gen 41.55-end, 42.5-7, 17-end; Ps 33.1-4, 18-end; Mt 10.1-7

Thurs Gen 44.18-21, 23-29, 45.1-5; Ps 105.11-17; Mt 10.7-15

Fri Gen 46.1-7, 28-30; Ps 37.3-6, 27-28; Mt 10.16-23

Sat Gen 49.29-end, 50.15-25; Ps 105.1-7; Mt 10.24-33

**Card Making** This will be at Lynda's house on Monday 23rd July 1 - 3pm. Small charge of £3 for materials, refreshments included. Please let her know if you are coming.

**Messy Church** at Woodrow community rooms takes place next Saturday 14th July, it would be lovely to see as many parents/carers and their children as possible, it is a lovely time of fellowship, craft activity, drama and song around a Bible story, why not bring a friend or two.

**Churches Together:** As part of our commitment to one another as member churches of Churches Together in Redditch, we have been asked to pray for one another on a month by month basis. This month we have been asked to pray for the Assemblies of God congregation.

## **Collect for the week**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and re-igns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen

**Call Ann D (for prayer chain) in the first instance on 01527 527789.**

## **Please pray for:**

- ❖ Garth and Jenny, Richard and Wendy, Ian and Judy.
- ❖ Licensed Lay Ministers – Maureen, Rosie and Vicki.
- ❖ Church Warden – Barry Humphrey.
- ❖ Parish Warden - Andrea Mortimer.
- ❖ The members of St. John's who make up the new DCC.
- ❖ Those looking for work or starting new jobs
- ❖ The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.
- ❖ Alex Hospital: Staff, patients & chaplaincy team serving the community.
- ❖ Graeme and Jackie Russell - Community Missioner in Christ Church.
- ❖ Chaplains of the Kingfisher Centre visiting and supporting shop workers.
- ❖ Jenny M recovering from a major operation
- ❖ Those starting a new school in September
- ❖ The children and adults trapped in the cave in Thailand
- ❖ MP Tracey Crouch - Minister appointed to tackle loneliness
- ❖ Parish Prayers: Felton Close Matchborough, Gateley Close Winyates Green, Eckington Close Woodrow, Barrow Close Winyates

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